MET UNNATURAL DEATHS.

The record of the past year shows a

thirty-six were found to have been the

for the year up to December 26th, which

The whole number of examinations

terminable. In addition, the cases of 36 children of unmarried parents were in-

ses could not be accurately ascer-

Forty-three cases of still-birth were

Six inquests were held-2 on white per-

Thirty-eight post-mortem examinations

Sixty-six persons were buried at the

The incidental expenses incurred

WHERE THE DEAD ARE INTERRED

Records of Burials Made in the

Cemeteries Here in 1897:

The following are the reports for the

year just closed from the cemeteries

Hollywood-John R. Hooper, Superin

tendent: Number of interments for the

year, 365-Male, 185; female, 173; unknown

Total white interments, 467; Jecreas

from last year, 22. Colored paupers' por-tion-Adults, 22; children, 95; still-born,

89. Total colored interments, 206; decreas

Total number of all interments in Oak-

River View-F. A. French, Superintend

ent: Interments from December 18, 1896, to December 18, 1897; Male adults, 32;

man). Number of interments from January 1 to December 15, 1897; Males, 30; females, 32; children, 29. Total, 82.

Mt. Calvary—John McGeary, Superintendent: Total number of interments.

tendent: Total number of interments 121, made up as follows: White male

adults, 37; white female adults, 34; white male children, 14; white female children

13; colored female adults, 2; colored female children, 11; colored male children, 10.

St. John's Burying-Ground-Anton Graffigna, Keeper: No interment in 1897

St. Mary's German Catholic Cemetery

Chestnut Hill, John Stuess, superintend-ent-Number of interments, 37; adults, 27;

The Apperson-Chandler Nuptials.

OAK, NEW KENT COUNTY, VA., De

ember 31.—(Special.)—Wednesday night t New Kent Chapel Methodist church

Mr. Robert C. Apperson, our popular Deputy Sheriff, led to the altar Miss

Myrtha Chandler, a charming young lady of attractions both in form and intellect

and the nuptial knot was tied by Rev. J. A. Richardson, The bridal party entered

trains of the wedding march from L

hengrin, sweetly rendered by Miss May Gooter: Misses Bessie Crump and An

nie Jones, in white organdie and satis

ribbons; Misses Ashton Baughn and Lul

Atkinson, of Richmond, in pink organdi

and pink satin ribbons; Misses Blanck

Chandler and Pearlie Smith, of Newbor

News, in white organdie and white rib

bride wore a charming costume of or gandie and accordion plated chiffon, and

carried bride's roses. She was met a

the altar by the groom, attended by his best man, Mr. G. Smith, of Newport News. The following young gentlemen acted as ushers: Dr. L. A. Slater, Mr.

Wood Sherman, and Messrs, Willie and

the organist played softly, "Then You'l Remember Me." After the ceremony the

bridal party were tendered a grand re

ception by the bride's father at his home, "North Green," on the Pamunkey river, where dancing and other festivities

Merry Time in Gloucester.

ZANONI, GLOUCESTER COUNTY VA., December 31.—(Special.)—Glouceste

s foremost among places where a qui-

summer to grow merry again at Christ mas. And while this Christmas wee

may not have been more gay than that of former years, it will be remembered otherwise than as wanting in gayety.

otherwise than as wanting in of the Chief among the social events of the week was a dance at Waverly on Wed week was a dance at Waverly on Wed

nesday evening, given by Mr. and Mrs Gerard Hopkins in honor of Miss Tuck and the Misses Hopkins. Animated was

the scene and great the enjoyment, unt

the late hour when the guests departed none regarding the long drive that the

This dance was graced by Miss Mary Tuck, of Selma, N. C.; Miss Ethel Hop

kins; Miss Stephenson, of Bath county Va.; Miss Georgia Seawell, Miss Henry

Washington, Miss Blanche Hopkins, Mis

Eleanor Benson; Miss Ellen Douglas Gar nett, of Mathews county; Miss Hettle Jones, Miss Anne Jones, and Messra Buske Garnett, John W. C. Jones, Jesse Hinkle, Thomas Harwood, Howell Mere

evening necessitated.

fall usually succeeds a sufficiently

were kept up till a late hour.

larence Apperson. During the ceremony

the arm of her maid of honor, Miss tilda Apperson, sister of the groom.

church in the following order, to the

children, 10; male, 14; female, 23.

wood Cemetery to date. Confederate soldiers, 32,096.

December 18, 1897, 430,

Only 25 since 1869.

under the jurisdiction of the city;

expense of the city-3 white and 63 col-

vestigated-all colored but 1.

from 0 to 84 years.

to disease,

investigated.

31,857

amounted to 50 cents.

is always interesting, follows:

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR IN THIS IMPORTANT FIELD. VIRGINIA LINES DID

Decided Improvement in the Busi-Cheering-What Each Road Did.

(Prepared by Mr. Robert Lancaster Wil liams, of the Banking-House of John L. Williams & Sons.)

Following the turmoil and strife of th closing days of 1896, the new year of 1897 dawned with that calm which follows a

4540,000,000 of government 4 per cent. bonds at home and abroad, followed by other large negotiations by individuals

During the year of grace 1897 it was

before substantial improvement was felt. ation's wards the farming class. Largeincreased exports and comparative-small imports have created a large edit balance in favor of this country, the establishment of busi-

th of the war paint has been washed fingoism is disappearing, and the dness population of this coun-ent assunder by wrangles and a disturbing factor. "The 'croaking' owl which to the moon complains of such as, wandering near, molest her ancient, soli-tary reign," may, for a moment, cause shiver to run down the backs of ploding travellers, and the last remaining roakings of the yet unrestful ones may ring a momentary frown to the business mmunity, but that is all, and the indus

Not alone from one quarter is this im-provement felt, but from the far West comes the news that one of the largest teel companies has orders booked to kee ts mills running for eight months ahead om Alabama the records show that over 000 more raffroad cars were needed for the first eight months of 1897 for the Atama fron business than for the same eriod of 1895.

NCREASED RAILROAD EARNINGS The gross earnings of fifty-nine roads \$7,601,782, showing an increase of \$767, 80 over the corresponding period last ear, and fifty-three roads show gross arnings of \$335,741,697 for the period from lanuary 1, 1897, to the end of the first week in December, an increase over the ame period last year of \$22,994,407. In the first case fifty-three roads showed increases, and six decreased, and in the latter, fifty-one showed increases, and

For the railroads centering here, and in which our citizens are most interested, the rate war between the Seaboard and othern has exerted very detrimental fluence on earnings; this cause happily s been adjusted and old rates re-ored, promising better results for fu-

is gratifying to see that the freight arnings of the Chesapeake and Ohio for he year ending June 38th were the argest in the history of the company. It is stated that the company's con-struction account has been closed, and expenditures go into operating ac During the year the company expended, and charged to operating ut \$50,000 for new equipments and erments, including ten locomotives, freight-cars, two passenger-cars, one m-tug, etc.

-tug, etc. Chesapeake and Ohlo Steamship sany, Limited, reports a good deport News to Great Britain and the nent. This company operates regu-six large steel steamships, three of o tons and three of 6,000, and has now ar construction another large steam-the "Rapidan," of 11,000 tons, which expected to be put into service in ch, in addition to outside tonnage

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company has floated recently over \$2,\$10,000, of \$1-2 per cent, bonds, to retire in 1808.

It is reported that

has made an important acquisition ecuring control of the Charleston Western railroad, a system aggre gating 339 miles; main line, Port Royal, S. C., to Augusta, Ga., and Augusta to Spartansburg, Ga.

Southern railroad reports 151 new prises along the line of road, and have been completed during the on its line cotton-factories working 63.000 spindles, 3.000 looms, the total cost of which is nearly \$2,000,000, and in the se of construction additional mills uprising 62,500 spindles.

SMALL INCREASE IN MILEAGE. The improved conditions did not comence this year early enough to allow a large increase in new mileage construct-ed, and the figures for the year com-

piled by the Railroad Gazette show only 1,938 miles for the year. The figures for cleven years are given bride-below, and it will be seen that this year elect.

makes one of the three smallest show-Southern States aggregate 830 miles, dis-

tributed as follows: Georgia. South Carolina

. 55.95

Some of the most populous States, for instance, New York, Ohio, Massachusetts, Jersey, and Indiana, make very showings, aggregating only a little over forty miles. However, the most inearnings for the future is not increased mileage constructed, but increased r which is the barometer of the condition to so large an extent making handsome

As an indication of the beneficial in fluence to be exerted by improved con-ditions on our railroads, it is interesting note that the capitalization of the

employees numbering nearly 800,000 annually upwards of \$463,000,000. The total mileage in the United States is now 184,464 miles.
Following are the comparative figures

for operations of roads which are of particular interest to this community: RICHMOND, FREDE'B'G, POTOMAC.

(Fiscal year ending June 30th.) Gross earnings—1887, \$536,239; 1890, \$708,-90; 1896, \$739,368; 1897, \$680,760. Net earninge—1887, \$252,344; 1890, \$268,559; 86, \$242,668; 1897, \$233,451.

Number of passengers carried—1887, 224,170; 1890, 252,231; 1896, 296,300; 1897, 283,482. Tons freight moved—1887, 263,633; 1890, 414,485; 1896, 501,288; 1897, 443,561. earnings-1896, \$206.120; 1897, \$215,892.

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO R'WAY CO (Fiscal year ending June 30th.) Gross earnings—1887, 34,451,169; 1890, 37,-161,949; 1896, 310,221,121; 1897, 310,708,182. Net earnings—1887, 31,205,706; 1890, 31,706,-

Net earnings-1887, \$1.205,706; 19822; 1896, \$6,963,152; 1897, \$7, 296,769. Number of passengers carried—1887, 768,-760; 1896, 1,867,954; 1897, 1,798,122.

Tons freight moved—1887, 2,414,303; 1896, 1,544,805; 1897, 6,491,297. From July 1st to October 31st, gross earnings—1896, \$3.464,677; 1897, \$3.902,459. Net earnings—1896, \$1.208,170; 1897, \$1,329,502. RICHMOND AND PETERSBURG R. R. (Fiscal year ending June 30th.)

1890. Gross earnings\$224,389 \$325,304 \$498,403 \$391,212 Net carn-96,014 100,823 156,209 158,736 No. passenings ried, 163,321 208,286 242,537 235,695 Tons freight

.. 191,455 469,869 582,192 538,973 (From July 1st to November 30th.) 1896. Net earnings 37,275 44,887

SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY. (Fiscal year ending June 30th.) Gross earnings\$19,082,247 \$19,079,500 Net earnings 5,650,799 5,846,832 No. of passengers car-

Tons freight moved ... 8,823,689 5,953,188

Net earnings 2,093,582 2,198,686 PETERSBURG RAILROAD. (Fiscal year ending June 30th.) 1887. 1890. 1896.

ings . gers car-Tons freight

NORFOLK AND WESTERN R'WAY CO.

(Organized September 24, 1896.)
N. & W. RR. N. & W. Ry.
9 months, 1896. 9 months, 1897.
Gross earnings \$25,388 \$7,732,159
Net earnings 1,694,910 2,194,124
The comparison is with the earnings of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Com-

(From July 1st to October 30th.) Gross earnings\$2,627,647 \$2,927,282 Net earnings 492,991 SEABOARD AND ROANOKE R. R. (Fiscal year ending June 30th.) 1887. 1890. 1896. 1897.

Gross earn-

ings\$857.813 \$681.619 \$837,786 \$898,678 Net earn'gs 272,787 275,267 296,931 311,655 moved 450,577 528,727

NORFOLK AND WESTERN R. R. Co. PROMINENT PEOPLE WHO DIED. (Fiscal year ending June 30th.) 1887. 1890. 1896. 1897.

Gross earn-No. passen-gers car., 43.789 63,943 91,489 85,283 Tons fr'ght

moved.... 123,384 197,384 253,096 260,215 GEORGIA AND ALABAMA RAILROAD The operations of the Georgia and Alabama railway, of which Mr. John Skelton Williams is president, will be of par ticular interest, as the securities of the road are to a large extent held in this city. The result of the operations of this city. The result of the option

road are as and ending June 30th: 1897. Gross earnings\$563,640 \$1,021,826 Net earnings. 162,474 No. pas'gers car 163,572 Tons freight moved. . . 371,762 284,055 ****** (From July 1st to October 31st.) 1896. 1

\$398,533 Net earnings 125,401 131,906 The gross earnings of the company for November this year, as compared with November, 1806, are as follows: 1897, \$107,-011: 1896, \$90,683.

KILLED ON HIS WEDDING-DAY. Georgia Girl Robbed of Her Pro spective Husband at the Altar.

A special to the Philadelphia Times from Dixon, Ga., says: The bride was waiting, but the groom came not. The smilling guests wondered and whispered. Everything was ready at the home of James Martin for the wedding of his daughter, Ada, and Clarke Westbrook, both prominent young people. An early hour had been set for the ceremony, and after it the bride and groom were to leave or an extended tour. The guests were in a state of suspense and anxiety when a messenger dished up to the house and announced that the bridegroom was dead. He had been killed in a runaway while on the way to the house. A strange coincidence is being mentioned. Two years ago Clarke Westbrook and Mus Glusse DeCanbon were appropriate. and Miss Gussie DeCannon were engaged to the married. On the wedding-day the bride-elect died. Now it is the groomDEATH RATE LOWER

RICHMOND'S MORTALITY DURING 1897 GREATLY DECREASED.

WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE PASSED AWAY. Review of the Patalities and Casu

Features of the Reports. Richmond's death rate is decreasing.

The mortality report for the eleven months of 1897 ending December 1st, last, which was prepared by Dr. W. T. Oppenhimer, President of the Board of Health shows a decrease of 117 deaths, as com pared with that of the preceding year.

The death rate of the city, which is based upon an estimated population of 103,560, was 14.80, while the rate for 1896. based on an estimated population of 199, 000, was 16.60. One of the most interesting features of

the report is the fact, as shown there, that of all the deaths, a majority were of persons who had passed the age of # years. Considering that all the infantile deaths are figured in this report, the showing is a good one for Richmond. There were 93 people who died after reachthe age of 70, and 36 who had passed the age of 80, while three lived to pass the 90th mile-post on their journey through life. The death rate for the city was considerably higher among the negroes than the whites.

The following statistics will, no doubt, be perused with much interest: Sex and Color: White-Males, 324; fe

males, 324. Colored-Males, 368; females, Condition: Single-White males, 165;

white females, 137; colored males, 231; colored females, 205. Married—White males, 114; white females, 73; colored males, 21; colored females, 69. Widowers—White, 42; colored, 23. Widows-White, 112; colored 111. Unknown-White males, 3; white fe males, 2; colored males, 7; colored females

Nativity: Richmond-White males, 160 white females, 138; colored males, 219; colored females, 213. Other parts of the United States—White males, 127; white females, 147; colored males, 146; colored fe-males, 174; England-White males, 3; white females, 8. France-White females, 1. Germany-White males, 14; white fe-males, 16. Ireland-White males, 10; white females, 10. Italy—White males, 6. Russia—White females, 3. Scotland—White males, 2. Unknown—White males, 2; white females, 1; colored males, 3; colored By Whom Certified: Regular-White

males, 20; white females, 29; colored males, 28; colored females, 315. Irregular—White males, 16; white females, 18. Coroner—White males, 6; white females, 2; colored males, 25; colored females, 28. Board of Health—White males, 7; white females, 11; colored males, 48; colored fe males, 46. Locality: Marshall Ward-White males.

70; white females, 61; colored males, 25 colored females, 40. Jefferson Ward-Ward-White males, 61; white females, 29 colored males, 15; colored females, 19 Monroe Ward-White males, 37; white fe males, 44; colored males, 23; colored fe-males, 35. Clay Ward-White males, 94; white females, 102; colored males, 24; colored females, 42. Jackson Ward-White males, 18; white females, 25; colored males, 173; colored females, 189. Almshouse White males, 7; white females, 5; colore inles, 52; colored females, 34. City Juli-

females, 14; colored males, 37; colored fe males, 24, 1 month to 6-White males, 25; white females, 25; colored males, 45; colored females, 49, 6 months to 12-White 26; colored females, 38. 1 year to 3-White white females, 6; colored males males, 7; white females, 2; colored males 10; colored females, 4. 10 years to 29white males, 14; white females, 14; colored males, 17; colored females, 18; 20 years to 30—White males, 31; colored females, 22; colored colored females, 32; colored males, 34; colored females, 35; colored females, 36; colored females, 36; white females, 36; colored males, 36; white females, 36; colored males, 36; white females, 36; colored males, 36; white females, 36; white females, 36; white females, 36; colored males, 36; c | moved ... 148,681 | 416,775 | 564,473 | 541,465 | white females, 36; colored males, 45; colored males, 45; colored males, 45; colored females, 36; colored males, 45; colored females, 36; colored males, ed males, 33; colored females, 23, 79 years to 80—White males, 33; white females, 33; colored males, 7; colored females, 15, 89 years to 90—White males, 12; white females, 27; colored males, 1; colored fe-males, 6, 90 years to 109—White females, 1 olored males, 1: colored females, 1, Ur

known-White males, 1; white females, I. Comparative Mortality. W. C. 11 months, ending December 1,

Whole 103,509
White 56,440
Colored 47,120
Rate of mortality of whole population, 14.50 per 1,600 per annum. Rate of mortality of white population, 12.53 per 1,600
per annum. Rate of mortality of colored population, 17.53 per 1,600 per annum.

Well-Known and Aged Citizens Who Passed Away During 1897. The following list embraces most of

the aged and prominent persons who died during the year; January-1. George W. Jones, 35; 3 Joseph T. Mountcastle; 4. William L. Jordan; 8. William Taylor Barrett, 78; 9.

James Wyatt Sheilds, 86, and A. B. Mountcastle, 44; 13. S. McG. Fisher, 56; Miss Narcissa Hudgins, 55; 20. George
 Ernest (Hanover), 83; John Gallagher 62; and Mrs. F. H. Gordon, 68. 22. Thad-deus Foster, 73; Mrs. F. J. Franklin, 86. 24. Joseph Davis, manager Davis Shoe Company, in New York city, 28, Mrs. Mollie Garnett Steel, 47, and P. W. O'Sul-

February-3, Archibald Bolling, 70, 4. Professor Henry Herbert Harris, Lynch-burg, 60. 6. M. B. Leonard, 42. 10. Charles Phillips, 82. 11. Captain Phillip Haxali, 57. 12. A. R. Alcock, 63. 17. Robert Haxali Fisher, 55. 20. Rev. Piloe Powers, 83. 27. Judge William Wood Crump, 78. March-6. George E. Paynter, 34. 12

Dennis Benjamin Collins, 75. 13. A. L. Crouch, 76. 21. Mrs. Judith W. McGuire, 28. General William R. Terry, in sterfield, 68. 29. General Peyton 58; John A. Burke, of Manchester, 40. April-6 George Ben. Stacy, 39. 2. E. T. Snead, 62. 13. Charles Bauch, 61. 16. Charles Henry Eppes, 57; Dr Charles M. May-8. Nathan W. Nelson, 77. 10. Al-

May-8, Nathan W. Nelson, 71, 10, Al-fonza J. Stevens, 40, 19, Samuel J. Young, 26, 20, General George W. Randall, 70, 22, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Talley, 80, 24, Miss Mollie Shell, 28, Right Rev. John Brockenbrough Newton. June-3. Roland L. Hoffman. 9. W. T. Lyne, 49. 11. Rev. Thomas P. Wise, 64. 12. Aubin Lee Boulware, 54. 19. Clinton

L. Davis, 41. July-1. C. P. Stokes, 48. 9. Mrs. Susan Arnold Hutson, 87. 17. Mrs. Mary A. Christian, 74. 23. E. A. J. Clopton, 79. August-4. Bailey Davis, 75. 12. W. E. Cree, 65. 14. Rev. Fenner S. Stickney, 38. September-5. Dr. Robert M. Pulliam, 66;

Septemoer—3. Dr. Robert M. Pulliam, 68;
Dr. G. A. Miller, 84. 6. Oliver Mountcastle. 7. Miss Jeunie Graves, 27.
October—2. Major Lewis Ginter, 73. 4. R. I. Noel. 5. Albert H. Gullmeyer, of Henrico, killed himself; Charles H. Simpson.
7. Mrs. James Thomas, in Asheville, N.
C. 13. Dr. W. H. Harbaugh; Mrs. Margaret Ely Lancaster, 22. Major John nett, and John T. Perrin, Jr.

OUR FIRE FIGHTERS. November—2 Sebastian Klotz, 62. 3. John Mannoni, 85. 9. Mr. Dudley Hail, 70. 13. Mr. A. C. Gibbs, of Manchester, 68. 15. Mr. Leopold Levy, 69. 16. Mr. Allen O. Morris, 46. 18. Mr. S. P. Carr, killed himself accidentally, 53. 25. Bernard Quigley, 71. 29. Mr. N. E. Knogsjaard committed suicide in Manchester; Mr. Andrew J. Berry, 74. 30. Mr. Lewis F. Lyon, in Jersey, City, 30.

THE DEPARTMENT MAKES A GOOD RECORD FOR THE YEAR.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S WORK. Andrew J. Berry, 74. 30. Mr. Lewis F. Lyon, in Jersey City, 30. December-6. S. M. Welsiger, 44. 16. John G. Fensom, 59. 29. Walter D. Carter, 21. Arthur Marion Taylor, 79. 22. Mr. Thomas Hirsch, 69. 24. Mr. Walker B. Freeman, 22. 25. Mr. James O'Keefe, 76. 27. James Woodall, 69. Large Fires-Fortunate in Having Few Casualties-Splendid Service

One Hundred and Sixty-Four Cases partment for 1897 is a most gratifying one. Its equipment to-day is better than it has ever been, its discipline is exceptionally fine, and its work is always great decrease in the number of fatalipromptly and well done. No fire departties. Out of 164 cases investigated only ment in the country has a better reputation. It is well managed and well result of violence. The Coroner's report manned, the commissioners, officers, and men all being experienced and having at heart the interests of the citizens and made was 164; of these 3 were of fetuses,

In the year just closed the department which are excluded from the following has been fortunate, both in preventing White-Males, 27; females, 5. Coloredlarge fires and in guarding the men and Males, 77; females, 51. In addition there was 1 body of indeterminable sex and apparatus against accidents. The total loss by fire for the year will not exceed The bodies of 37 castaway (new born) in \$50,000. fants were found, of which 1 was white 33 colored, and 3 whose color was inde-

of correct alarms averaged 98 per cent. The age of persons examined ranged This is a splendid record, since alarm boxes are subject to all kinds of wea-The apparent causes of death were as follows: Suicide, 8 (by shooting, 2; by ther and frequently injured by the shock of heavy teams striking the poles, etc hanging, 1; by drowning, 1; by laudanum The department consists of 1 chief engi-; by carbolic acid, 1); infanticide, 6 (all neer, 1 assistant engineer, 12 captains colored); killing by steam cars, 6; acci-dental drowning, 6; homicidal shooting it permanent men, and 77 runners and substitutes. The system of civil service 2; homicidal blow on head, 2; homicidal blow with fist, 1; falling earth, 2; accipredominates in every branch. Men are dental burning, 1; accidental self-shooting 1; effects of a fall, 1-making 36 cases of elected on probation, and when finally accepted, are placed on the regular list,

> trol of the Board of Fire Commissioners, omposed of the following John H. Frischkorn (president), Jefferson Ward; G. Watt Taylor (vice-president), Marshall Ward; Joseph L. Levy, Monroe Ward; Charles F. Taylor, Madison Ward; L. C. Jenkins, Clay Ward, and James R. Sheppard, Jackson Ward. These gentlemen make a study of the requirepents of the department, and its presen ments of the department, and its present efficiency speaks well for their adminis-tration. Four of them, the Messra, Tay-lor and Messrs, Sheppard and Jenkins served in the ranks, and rose from the humblest positions to those of high au-thority, and retired from an honorable active service, only to lend the city their influence and experience, which, to a great degree, explains its perfection. The officers commanding are: W. G. Puller chief, a veteran in the service; George

ADDED TO THE EQUIPMENT.

sex, 4. Of this number there were 14 still-births. Total number of interments to date, exclusive of soldiers, 16,857. There are about 15,000 soldiers, making a total of This year the board have added to the equipment of the department a powerful new fire engine, which was exhibited re-cently, and threw a stream over th top of the City Hall tower; completely rebuilt No. 8 engine, located in Fulton; introduced 8 steam bollers for heating the intendent: Number of burials: White-adults, 220; children, 149; still-born, 28. water in the engines, while in the h besides paying to the city over \$2,000 for gas furnished. Every piece of apparatus has been overhauled, and a large sum from last year, 1. Total number of inter-ments for year ending December 29, 1897, 613. Total decreuse from last year, 23. has been expended upon the quarters to make the force comfortable, and to such a high degree are the firemen satisfied, that any kind of breach of discipline is

Improvements now contemplated are the erection of a new station in Clay Ward for the benefit of No. 5 Engine Company; the purchase of a chemical combination wagon for Church Hill, and

female children, 10; still-born, 4. Total, 102. Increase of 6 over last year. Total f interments from December 18, 1890, to December 18, 1897, 439.

Shockoe-George B. Davis, Superintending exhibits and exercises. The economy ent, is under the control of Committee on Cemeteries (James T. Vaughan, chair-man). Number of interments from Janu-

The Fire-Alarm Department.

missioners, is well managed by W. H. foreman of construction; H. T. Taylor, C. Gullett, and P. Randolph, linemen. It is hard, indeed, to establish a more com-

Work of the most delicate and expen-sive character is done in the offices, which, if contracted for elsewhere would entail a cost largely in excess of this department's allowance. The workships are fitted with improved machinery, electricians have just finished a The electricians have just finished a mam-moth switchboard to control the current feeding the storage battery at a nominal cost, which regularly would cost at least several thousand dollars.

This office was visited last year, ac cording to the signatures on the register. by 11,676 persons, from all over the world and the beauty of the machinery appointment elicited nothing but praise. The office is always open, and a trained telegraph employee reports at every fire to assist the officers, and as far as possible, to remove the danger of live wires obstructions, etc.

WHAT THE SYSTEM EMBRACES. There has been added to this service three street stations, located as follows: No. 327, corner of Fourth and Canal: No. 342, corner of First and Orange; No. 345, corner Fourth and Clay streets. And private stations as follows: No. 743, Merchants' National Bank; No. 745, Rich-

each engine and officer's house: 160 stawhich are private; 1 repeating still-alarm box; 240 miles aerial wires; electro-mechanical gongs, 35; direct acting gongs, ---; 1 set of testing instruments, 1 volt meter, 1 ampre meter, 2 six-circuit repeaters, 1 eightcircuit local repeater, 9 automatic trips for releasing horses, 9 three-number indicators, twelve large bells, weighing from 800 to 1,500 pounds, and 1 1,500-pound bell worked electrically from this office, with 825 cells of storage and 275 cells of open circuit battery, for furnishing the electro-motive power for the general working of the system; 2 twenty-four-circuit switch-boards for controlling the entire system. The record of alarms show that there were 287 alarms received at this office and transmitted to the Fire Department POLICE-PATROL SYSTEM.

The police-patrol system, which is electrically under the control of this de partment, continues to grow in strength and usefulness, and has given general satisfaction during the year. There were 1,128 wagon-calls, and 2,816 telephone mes-Va.; Miss Georgia Seawell, Miss Henri-etta Hopkins; Miss Mary Brady, o Maryland; Miss Nelson, of Culpepe, county; Miss Molly Seawell, Miss Mar-garet Tabb, Miss Bessie Hopkins, Miss Rebecca Tabb, Miss Elizabeth Lee, Miss sages sent over the system. The greates number of calls were received from Boxes 21, 22, 23, 24, 123, 124, and 214. This system 21, 22, 23, 24, 123, 124, and 214. This system now comprises 23 street stations, 4 relays, 1 8-inch electro-mechanical gong, 2 direct-acting gongs, 4 galvanometers, 1 operating desk 1 4-pen, and 1 1-pen register, 21 sets of telephone instruments, 30 cells storage and 45 cells Samson battery, and about afteen miles of copper wire, with central office located at Second Police Station, under the charge of Captain J. B. Angle,

of Fire Alarm and Police Patrol.

The record of the Richmond Fire Detheir property.

The number of alarms of all kind re-

ceived and transmitted through the cen

tral office was 287 ,and the percentage

death from non-natural causes.

There were 82 cases of death attributed to disease, the nature of which in 21 and no character of outside influence can

keep them out of their rights. This in-centive always preserves satisfaction and peace in the brigade.

The Fire Department is, by legislative enactment, under the direction and con-

intrepld fire-fighter; L. S. Jones, secre-

at an early date, a "water tower."

The inspection of the department December 6th attested its popularity, when of this administration by comparison with other cities of equal size makes a very favorable showing for Richmond, and the endorsement of its tax-payers is emphasized both politically and financially The department has never exceeded its appropriations, but has nearly always re-turned balances, though governed in its expense by the sum appropriated in 1887-'88, when the department was 33 per cent, smaller than it is now. This com-mission meets at least twice a month, and in its entire history has never lacked

This department, as previously stated, is controlled by the Board of Fire Complete corps of electrical employees than the above, and the discharge of their duties has given to the Fire Commis-sioners full satisfaction.

mond Traction Company.

The system now comprises twenty-one

with Sergeants Tailey, Cosby, and Brooks, and Allen acting alternately as operators.

The electrical apparatus, comprising clocks, call-bells, and annunciators in the City Hall, is also under the charge of the Fire-Alerm Department.

There has been inspected by this department, as required by ordinance, over 3,000 miles of aerial wires, 1,400 poles, by longing to the various electrical companies in the city, and the necessary instruction given for their renewals and struction given for their renewals and

We have also tested the candle-power of the arc lights, which were found to be up to their standard.

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE.

mount of Rainfall and Readings of Thermometer During Year. The table below gives the average mini-

mun and maximum readings of the thernometer during the past year. The observations were taken from self-registering instruments, graded according to the Fahrenheit scale. The lowest point reach ed was on January 26th and 30th, when it registered 5 degrees. The highest readings were June 16th and 30th and September on which days the mercury reached 101 degrees. There were six days during the year on which the mercury reached

Average mean temperature for the

The mean temperature was highest in August, being 78.3 degrees, and lowest in January, being 38.6 degrees.

FOR TWENTY YEARS

Average for twenty years 5.8 RAINFALL FOR THE YEAR.

RAINFALL FOR MANY YEARS. Below we give a table of rainfall for the

Average for twenty-seven years. 41.77 1889 gave us a downpour of 72.09 inches, the heaviest for a quarter of a century; 1876 was the dryest year during the same period, the downfall being 27.65 inches, averaging only a little over 2 inches per month.

CLOUDY DAYS BY MONTHS. CLOUDY DAYS BY MONTHS.

We publish below by months a list of the cloudy, partly cloudy, or rainy days during the past year. The observations were taken at suntise in the morning as to the condition of the sky at that hour; but if it rained or snowed at all during the day a note was made of it, and published in our monthly report. Thus it sometimes happened that while the sky was perfectly clear in the morning at the time of observation, it clouded up and rained or snowed before the next observation was made:

Cloudy or Rain or

Month. Partly Cl'dy, Clear, Snow.
 January
 15

 February
 16

 March
 22

 April
 13

 May
 14

 June
 29

 July
 15

 August
 14

The Weather In December. The following is the weather report for the month of December:

CONDITIONS.

1-Partly cloudy... 2-Cloudy (1)... 3-Cloudy (2)... 4-Cloudy (3)... 5-Clear... 27 25 37 37 35 35 1.90 35 35 .27 45 46 4—Cloudy (3)...
5—Clear...
6—Clear (4)...
7—Partly cloudy (5)...
8—Partly cloudy (5)...
9—Clear (6)...
10—C ear (7)...
11—Partly cloudy (12—Cloudy (8)...
12—Cloudy (8)...
13—Cloudy (0)...
15—Cloudy (10)...
15—Cloudy (10)... 66 N.W. 66 N. 49 S. E. 57 S. E. 57 N.W 54 S.W. 16-Clear. (11)...... 17-Partly cloudy.... 18-Partly cloudy (12) 19-Cloudy 20-Cloudy (13)..... 21-Cloudy (14).... 22-Cloudy.... 23-Clear (15).... 24-Clear... .10 Averages..... 39 34.5 4.01 48.5

Mean temperature for the month, 4.7. Amount of rainfall, 4.01 inches. Observations taken each morning at 7 Hail and snow, followed by rain at

M. Rain all day, Light rain at intervals all day, Heavy frost. Heavy Frost. Fog. 7. Fog.
8. Rain very early in the morning.
9. Rain beginning early in the morning.
Heavy shower at 6 A. M. Mist or light tain all day.
10. Rain during forenoon.

10. Hain during forenoon,
11. Frost,
12. Earthquake shock at 6:51 P. M., lasting nearly a minute, Direction, northeast
10 southwest.
13. Light rain all day, freezing as it feil,
14. Rain in evening.
15. Frost and ice.
16. Rain, beginning early in the morning, turning to sleet.
17. 18. and 19. Heavy frost and ice.

Measurements of rainfall taken each morning.

The temperature for the month has been about the average, while the rainfall is a little above the average for the eigh-

Another Local-Option Case.

of Solomon Gray, a young farmer of Chesconnessex Neck, and Miss Ethel Watson, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry O. Watson, of Onancock. The church was prettily decorated with evergreens. The Rev. Henry S. Dulany, pas-tor of the church, performed the cere-mony, after which the newly-married couple, with their attendants and many friends, rode across the country to the home of Mr. James Gray, the groom's father, on Chesconnessex creek, where they enjoyed a bountiful wedding supper At the same time that this marriage

was taking place another was solemnized at the home of Mr. William J. Neville, on North street, the contracting parties being his youngest daughter, Miss Lora perous young farmer from the neighbor od of Locustville, on the seaside. ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. R. Crowder, pastor of the Onancock Southern Methodist church. After the ceremony the bridal party, with many invited guests, sat down to an elegant supper.

Court Clerk and his deputies have issued more marriage-licenses than ever before in the same period of time. On some days as many as sixteen licenses have been issued, and at one time there were three young men in the Clerk's office, all desiring to procure licenses to marry. In some parts of the county the matrimonial fever has been a regular epidemic during the latter part of this month. Another local-option case was tried in

who had been tried and convicted before Justice Luther Boggs of selling liquor contrary to law. Harmon appealed to the County Court, and the jury found him guilty and fixed his fine at \$100 and costs, Benjamin T. Gunter, Jr., Commonwealth's Attorney, conducted the prosecution with much skill and vigor, while Hon. Edgar J. Spady, of Northampton, made an able defence. The announcement of Judge Blackstone that hereafter in similar cases he would add to the fine imprisonment in the county jail, as the law authorizes him to do, is said to be creating consternation among those who are engaged in the for-bidden traffic.

ALBEMARLE.

A Dwelling-House Burned-Charlottesville Notes.

31.-(Special.)-Mr. J. W. Shaw, who resides near Jefferson Park Hotel, southwest of the city, had the misfortune to lose his dwelling-house about 8 o'clock Wednesday night, by fire. The neighbors rushed to the scene and succeeded in saving a por-43.55 tion of the furniture. There was a smail 41.28 insurance on the building, but none on the

furniture, the most of which was more or less damaged by the flames. Dr. William Henry Milburn, the blind chaplain of the United States Senate, with preach at the University chapel next Sun-day morning and evening. He will also delizer a lecture on Monday evening in

deliver a lecture on Monday evening in the Jefferson Society Hall. His theme will be either "Aaron Burr, the Most Romantic Character in American Politi-cal History"; or, "John Randolph of Roa-noke, 'Bard, Sage, and Tribune." The Democratic City Committee held a meeting this morning and considered and adopted a primary law, which the Legis-lature will be asked to pass. The resigna-tion of the chairman, Mr. C. W. Allen, was not accepted.

ning cedar. The bride was handsomely gowned in brown cloth, while the groom was attired in conventional black.

At the Blue Run church, in Orange

cellent practice.

Mr. William M. Hall and family, of Afton, have removed to the city, where

they will reside.

Mr. George R. Robinson, Jr., of St.
Louis, is in the city, with a view of purchasing a farm in the county.

The Hon. George W. Morris, of the State Senate, returned this afternoon to

Emporta Jottings.

EMPORIA, VA., December 31.—(Special.)—A case of accidental shooting occurred this morning. Tas parties were T. H. Edwards and V. H. Hubbard, and the latter was assignified. the latter was painfully, but not seriously, hurt. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Powell gave a de-

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Powell gave a delightful social function last night. The affair was in compliment to Miss Maggie Goode, of Mecklenburg county, who is a guest of the Misses Powell. All the young society people attended.

Judge-elect W. Samuel Goodwyn will qualify to-morrow. Mr. W. M. Powell, it is thought, will receive the appointment of Attorney for the Commonwealth.

Senator R. Turnbull, of Brunswick, and Hon. John Chaplin, member of the House of Delegates from this county, returned to Richmond this afternoon.

Hon. John Lamb, member of Congress from the Third District, was on our streets to-day shaking hands with friends.

Keyaville Mention.

KEYSVILLE, VA., December 31.—(Special.)—The Bachelors' Club was tendered its annual banquet last night by Mr. P. H. Osborne at his hospitable residence, on King street. After partaking of an elegant dinner, consisting of everything to contribute to a bachelor's delight, the party repaired to the smoking apartment, and there spent many pleasant hours in jokes and jests. Among the guests were Dr. A. S. Priddy and Messra. Fitts, Eubank, Sprankle, McCargo, Morton, J. H. Priddy, C. A. and P. H. Osborne, F. H. and F. J. Gregory, Jr. Miss Emile Peters, of Richmond, who has been visiting here, returns to her home to-day.

Messrs. D. F. Sprankle, Floyd J. Gregory, Misses Lizzie Hodges and Mamie Gregory, and Mrs. H. D. Peters left to-day to be present at the inaugural ceremonies of Governor Tyler to-morrows.

The Matrimonial Market Booming-ONANCOCK, VA., December 31 .- (Sp

cial.)-The Northern Methodist church, o this town, was filled with people Wednesday evening to witness the marriage

For the past two weeks the County

the County Court yesterday—James Har-mon, a colored man, residing near Belle Haven, in the southern part of Accomac,

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., December

tion of the chairman, Mr. C. W. Allen, was not accepted.

"Sunnyside," the residence of Mr. T. J. Smith, situated near Profit, was the scene of a pretty wedding Wednesday morning, the contracting parties being Mr. G. Thomas McCauley and Miss Rosa E. Smith. The Rev. J. M. Farrar performed the ceremony. The parfors were tastefully decorated with ferns and running cedar. The bride was handsomery

At the Blue Run church, in Orange county, Wednesday, Dr. L. H. Shuck, of this city, united in marriage Dr. Benjamin S. Graves and Miss Mary Eva Cowherd. The church was packed with a deeply-interested audience. A wedding dinner was afterwards served at the residence of the groom's parents. Dr. and Mrs. Graves will return to Georgia in a few days, where the Doctor enjoys an excellent practice.